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In re Application of:)

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CHAIN MODELING

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE ACCOMPANYING THE PRESENT RCE FILING

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed April 13, 2006, and coincident to a Request for Continuing Examination (RCE) filed herewith, the following amendments and remarks to the above captioned patent application are respectfully submitted.

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